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OUTDOORS

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA



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The OUTDOORS is your guide to the programs and events occurring within Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, a unit of the National Park System. Dedicated staff and volunteers, from the following partner agencies and organizations, help open doors and provide avenues for you to explore and enjoy the Santa Monica Mountains.

Participating Partners

AASMM	Allied Artists, Santa Monica Mountains 310-457-9130
CCD	Cold Creek Docents 818-591-1701
CMPRD	City of Malibu Parks & Recreation Dept 310-317-1364
CNI	The Children's Nature Institute 310-860-9484
CNPS	California Native Plant Society 818-348-5910
CORBA	Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Assn 818-773-3555
CRPD	Conejo Recreation & Park District 805-495-2163
CSP	California State Parks 818-880-0350
CW	Coastwalk 310-394-2799
FORC	Friends of Runyon Canyon 323-666-5004
LACP	Los Angeles County Recreation & Parks Dept 213-738-2961
LANABA	L.A. Chapter of the North American Butterfly Assn 310-454-4279
MCD	Malibu Creek Docents 818-889-6238
MLMD	Malibu Lagoon Museum Docents 310-456-8432
MRCA	Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority 310-858-7272
MRT	Mountains Restoration Trust 818-591-1701
NOWW	The Nature of Wildworks 310-455-0550
NPS	National Park Service 805-370-2301
RCDSMM	Resource Conserv. District of the Santa Monica Mtns 310-455-1030
SC	Sierra Club 213-387-4287
SFVAS	San Fernando Valley Audubon Society 310-457-5796
SFVGP	San Fernando Valley Gourd Patch 818-996-3606
SMBAS	Santa Monica Bay Audubon Society 310-393-6205
SMMC	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy 310-589-3200
SMMF	Santa Monica Mountains Fund 805-370-2341
SMMNHA	Santa Monica Mountains Natural History Association 805-488-1827
SMMTC	Santa Monica Mountains Trails Council 818-222-4531
SRSMMR	UCLA Stunt Ranch Santa Monica Mountains Reserve 310-206-3887
TCA	Temescal Canyon Association 310-459-5931
TCD	Topanga Canyon Docents 310-455-1696
TOPAW	Thousand Oaks Plein Air Watercolorists 805-494-1700
TP	TreePeople 818-753-4600
WODOC	William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom 310-858-7272x131
WRD	Will Rogers State Historic Park Docents 310-454-8212

Inside Story



Many people are surprised to hear that mountains lions still live in the chaparral-covered peaks so close to urban Los Angeles.

Since 2002 the National Park Service, with the support of the California State Parks and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, has been conducting a scientific project to learn more about the habits of mountain lions in Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Scientists also want to know how human development and urbanization is impacting the large cats.

So far, National Park Service biologists have monitored eight mountain lions with radio-collars and GPS tracking devices, enabling them to learn a lot about the animals' ecology and behavior. Identified threats to the lions include habitat loss or fragmentation by roads and urban development. Another threat is secondary poisoning from feeding on animals like coyotes that have consumed poisoned rodents. The monitored lions are elusive, staying away from people and behaving "naturally" despite all the urban development that surrounds them.

Lions in the Santa

The size of a mountain lion's home range in the Santa Monica Mountains is not particularly different from those in areas with little or no urban development. The home range is around 150 square miles for adult males and 40 square miles for adult females. As for feeding habits, mountain lions typically eat about one deer per week, along with other smaller prey, and the animals in the Santa Monica Mountains are no exception.

Biologists have also been monitoring the movements of mountain lions to identify *wildlife corridors*, open spaces that link the Santa Monica Mountains to other large natural areas and allow the lions to move between them. Genetically, lions in the Santa Monicas are at the southern end of a larger population that extends northward to Big Sur. The long-term survival of mountain lion populations here depends on their ability to move between regions to maintain genetic diversity.

The National Park Service and its partners use such information to develop management plans that protect landscapes critical to wildlife. This promotes the long-term health of our native animal populations, including mountain lions, the ecosystem's top carnivore. — Morgan Robertson, National Park Service Wildlife Biologist



To find out more about these large cats, visit the following websites:

Mountain Lion Foundation www.mountainlion.org

California Wildlife Center www.californiawildlifecenter.org

California Dept. of Fish & Game www.dfg.ca.gov/news/issues/lion.html

Monica Mountains?

OCTOBER

SUN 10/1 8am

Topanga State Park

Bird Walk Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of birds. Bring water and snack. 3hrs SC

SUN 10/1 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Aerobic Trek Enjoy the great outdoors as you get your heart pumping and legs moving. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 10/1 9:30am

Topanga State Park

Autumn in the Park Explore the ways plants and animals prepare for winter on this stroll with a docent naturalist. 2hrs TCD

SUN 10/1 10am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

-Culture Center

Free Cultural Workshop Create traditional Chumash tools and games with Oscar Ortiz. Info: 805-370-2301. 2hrs NPS

SUN 10/1 1pm

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa

-Culture Center

Free Cultural Workshop See Sunday 10/1, 10am for description. 2hrs NPS

SUN 10/1 4:45pm

Cold Creek Preserve

-Top of Stunt Road

A Moonrise & Sunset Walk Enjoy views of distant mountain ranges, the sweep of Santa Monica Bay, and the unspoiled beauty of this preserve on a 2-mile walk. Bring supper, water and a 'goodie' to share. 3hrs MRT

TUE 10/3 9:15am

Backbone Trail

Moderate Hikers: Trancas Cyn to Mulholland Hwy

This 8-mile (shorter 4-6 mile option) hike with 1500' gain includes the newest Backbone Trail section. Meet at Encinal Canyon Trailhead (from Pacific Coast Hwy, take Kanan-Dume Rd north 6 miles to Mulholland Hwy, turn west 1.4 miles onto Encinal Cyn Rd to limited shoulder parking). Bring water and lunch. Info: 310-391-5004. 4hrs SC

TUE 10/3 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Fall Botanical Drawing Workshop Join this ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw or paint plants while learning about our native flora. Group size is limited. Reservations required 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/ MRCA

FRI 10/6 6pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch

Full Moon Hike All ages can enjoy exploring the canyon by moonlight on this moderately strenuous hike with views of stars and the city. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

FRI 10/6 6:30pm

Temescal Gateway Park

Full Moon Hike Experience the nocturnal world on a naturalist-led 1-mile hike. Bring water and a jacket; flashlight is optional. Meet in the front parking lot. \$5 parking fee. Info: 310-454-1395 x106 or www.LAMountains.com. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 10/7 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 10/7 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water and lunch. Reservations required 310-559-3126. 5hrs SC

Temescal Canyon Association

Join our monthly Sunday hikes.

**Call 310-459-5931
or visit our web site:
www.temcanyon.org**



Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am

For groups of 10 or more.

Reservation required:

310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am

For individuals and small groups (no reservations are required).

Meet docent(s) next to the Gate House at 10am for a one-hour tour.



Romantic Full Moon Tours

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Thru November beginning at 8pm, tour the Adamson House under a full moon. Refreshments will be served. **\$10 FEE. 1 hour.**

**For Dates & Reservations:
310-456-8432**

Help Kids Learn About Nature!

The Cold Creek Docents are recruiting volunteers to lead nature walks with elementary students at UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve in Calabasas.

Beginning **October 2**, six half-day training sessions. Classes taught by resource professionals will include aspects of Santa Monica Mountains ecology, early Chumash culture, geography, interpretive techniques, and a special workshop to make teaching artifacts.

Info: 818-591-9363

SAT 10/7 8:30am

Backbone Trail

ParkLINK Shuttle Hike Join us on a moderately-paced 10-mile, 2000' gain hike from Malibu Canyon Rd to Kanan Dume Rd. Return via ParkLINK Shuttle. Meet at Backbone Trailhead-Malibu Canyon Rd. Bring water, lunch and \$1 bus fare. Info: 310-391-5004. Rain cancels. 6hrs SC

SAT 10/7 9am

Malibu Creek State Park

Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn backcountry preparedness, shared-use etiquette, and riding fundamentals. Bicycle and helmet required. Rain cancels. Info: www.corbamtb.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 10/7 9am

Topanga State Park

Hike Topanga State Park Explore the park with a ranger. Meet at the Trippet Ranch parking lot. 1.5hrs CSP

SAT 10/7 9:30am

Cold Creek Valley Preserve

First Saturday Savor an autumn walk-about through oak woodlands to a gently rolling chaparral basin below craggy sandstone peaks. Meet at Lower Stunt High Trailhead. 2hrs CCD

SAT 10/7 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

WODOC and the Movies See why Franklin Canyon has been a premier filming location for movies and TV shows such as *When a Stranger Calls*, *It Happened One Night*, and the beginning of *The Andy Griffith Show*. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 10/7 12:30pm

Malibu Creek State Park

Fun with Nature Children, young and old, can enjoy exhibits, crafts, and games at the Visitor Center, located 0.75 mile from the parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SAT 10/7 6pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park

Full Moon Hike Enjoy the Malibu hills and look for night creatures under the magic of moonlight. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a flashlight. Reservations required 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 10/7 6pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch

Silent Night Hike Enjoy a moderate to strenuous walk and expand your wilderness awareness skills on a wordless journey. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 10/8 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Nature Rambles Observe and discuss plants, insects, and birds and their interactions on this walk. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 10/8 9am

Circle X Ranch

Mishe Mokwa Trail Hike Enjoy lunch atop Sandstone Peak and great views of the Channel Islands on this 6-mile loop. Bring 2 quarts water, snack and lunch. Meet at Mishe Mokwa trailhead. 4.5hrs CW

SUN 10/8 9am

Santa Monica Mountains

Weed Wars Help bring wildlife back to parklands. Bring lunch, water and gloves. Receive credit for community service hours. Call for location. Reservations required 818-348-5910. 4hrs CNPS

SUN 10/8 9:30am

Topanga State Park

Autumn in the Park Explore the ways plants and animals prepare for winter on this stroll with a docent naturalist. 2hrs TCD

SUN 10/8 10am

Rocky Oaks

Nature Walk See rock formations, a seasonal pond, and meadows flanked by oak

LAS MARAVILLAS DEL OTOÑO

The Wonders of Fall Bilingual Family Program

Sábado, 7 de Octubre 10:00am Rocky Oaks

Los días se hacen mas cortos y los arboles han cambiado su color. Venga a ver que otras cosas el Otoño nos trae. Gratis. Para direcciones vea #22 (Rocky Oaks) del mapa incluido al medio de este librito. Información: 805-370-2348

Saturday, October 7 10:00am at Rocky Oaks

The days are getting shorter and the trees are turning colors. Come see what other changes the fall season brings to our mountains. Free. Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

*Spirit of the
Mountains*
PHOTO CONTEST
2006

October 7

Saturday at 2pm

National Park Service
Visitor Center

See the latest photos of our Santa Monica Mountains and meet the photographers when the 2006 contest winners are announced and ribbons awarded. Light refreshments will be served to celebrate the official opening of the exhibit which runs through November 30, 2006.

Info: 805-370-2301

**Resource Conservation District
of the Santa Monica Mountains**

***Fall Naturalist Training
at Malibu Lagoon State Beach***

If you have a love of our local environment and teaching our youth then we have the program for you!

Join our experienced naturalists, local scientists, and resource specialists to learn about our local estuarine environment at our beautiful local state beach. Six sessions total from 9am-12pm one day per week from October to November. FEE.

For further info:

*310-455-1030 x103 or email
jennifer.shelstead@rcdscmm.org*

woodlands on an easy-paced walk for all ages. 2hrs TCD

SUN 10/8 3pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch

Photo Fun in Franklin Canyon An experienced photographer will help you find unique views and photo opportunities in nature. Reservations required 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/ MRCA

TUE 10/10 9:15am

Castro Crest

Moderate Hikers See sculpted boulders and panoramic views on this 7-mile, 800' gain hike on sections of the Backbone Trail in upper Solstice Canyon. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 818-501-1225. 4hrs SC

TUE 10/10 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Fall Botanical Drawing Workshop Join this ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw or paint plants while learning about our native flora. Group size is limited. Reservations required 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 10/10 7pm

Headwaters Corner

San Fernando Valley Gourd Patch Meeting Explore forms of gourd decoration including gilding, beading and wood burning. Info:gourds@mac.com or 818-996-3606. 2hrs SFVGP

THUR 10/12 6:30pm

Temescal Gateway Park

Campfire Program Join a naturalist and celebrate the campfire tradition with stories, songs, and marshmallows. Bring blanket and jacket. \$5 parking fee. Info: 310-454-1395 x106 or www.LAMountains.com. 1.5hrs MRCA

SAT 10/14 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 10/14 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water and lunch. Reservations required 310-559-3126. 5hrs SC

SAT 10/14 9am

Cold Creek Canyon Preserve

Second Saturday Plants

in fall dormancy await the rains. Learn how plants and animals survive long periods of drought. Reservations required 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

SAT 10/14 5:30pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Evening Birds of Franklin Canyon Learn about the lives of birds on a casual sunset stroll around a lake. Bring binoculars. Beginning birders welcome. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 10/14 6pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr -Amphitheater

Franklin Family Campfire Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with stories, singing and roasting marshmallows around the campfire. Bring blanket, flashlight and a picnic dinner. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 10/15 8am

Malibu Creek State Park

Bird Walk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars and hiking boots. Beginners welcome. Meet in lower parking lot. 3.5hrs SFVAS

SUN 10/15 9am

Malibu Creek State Park

-Tapia Unit

Trails Ramble Hike Enjoy scenic trails on a 7-mile hike. Meet at Tapia Trailhead (pass kiosk and follow Salvation Army signs to back of park). Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-559-3126. 4hrs SC

FREE

Sunday Concerts In The Park

at Peter Strauss Ranch



October 8, 2pm - 4pm

Join us for an afternoon of Blues at Peter Strauss Ranch. Performing will be **C.J. and the Hustlers**.

Info: 805-370-2301

Southern California Blues Society
in cooperation with National Park Service

RANGER'S FAVORITES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

Join a Ranger at a favorite park site.

Rangers or volunteers will choose a different site to explore and a topic to discuss each month.

For our surprise location and time, visit:

www.nps.gov/samo or call 805-370-2301

32nd Annual Topanga Canyon Docent Training

October 14 and 28

November 11

December 2

Saturdays at 9:30am Topanga State Park

Become a docent naturalist. Learn the natural history of the Santa Monica Mountains and how to share this gift. Sessions taught by experts cover Native Americans, geology, plants, animals, birds, insects, reptiles, and more. *FREE*. Each class is six hours.

Reservations required

818-758-1964

SUN 10/15 9:30am

Malibu Creek State Park

Welcome to Malibu Creek Discover cultural history and natural beauty on this docent-led walk. Meet in the lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SUN 10/15 9:30am

Topanga State Park

Autumn in the Park Explore the ways plants and animals prepare for winter on this stroll with a docent naturalist. 2hrs TCD

SUN 10/15 10am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa – Culture Center

Free Cultural Workshop Listen to the inspiring flute music of Eric "Medicine Wind" Alvarado. Info: 805-370-2301. 2hrs NPS

SUN 10/15 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Hike with Mike Explore plants and animals on this easy walk around a lake and wild duck pond. Optional fun frisbee toss at end of hike. All ages welcome. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 10/15 1pm

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa – Culture Center

Free Cultural Workshop Listen to the inspiring flute music of Eric "Medicine Wind" Alvarado. Info: 805-370-2301. 2hrs NPS

TUE 10/17 9:15am

Santa Monica Mountains

Moderate Hikers Join us for great ocean vistas on a new 7-mile (shorter 4-6 mile option) hike from the Nature Trust Preserve. Meet at Nature Trust parking lot (13.5 miles west of Malibu Canyon Rd along PCH; look for "Malibu Nature Preserve" sign on right). Info: 310-391-5004. Bring water and lunch. 4hrs SC

TUE 10/17 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Fall Botanical Drawing Workshop Join this ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw or paint plants while learning about our native flora. Group size is limited. Reservations required 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

THUR 10/19 8:30am

Cold Creek Preserve

Chaparral Chatter Explore riparian, grassland, and redshank communities on this moderate hike. Hiking boots, hat, water, snack and sunscreen suggested. Meet at Lower Stunt High Trailhead. 4hrs MRT/CNPS

FRI 10/20 7pm

Temescal Gateway Park

Trail to the Stars Join a naturalist for a deeper look into astronomy on this moderate hike. A telescope will be available. Bring water, jacket and flashlight. \$5 parking fee. Info: 310-454-1395 x106 or www.LAMountains.com. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 10/21 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch. Reservations required 310-559-3126. 5hrs SC

SAT 10/21 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 10/21 9am

Malibu Creek State Park

Oak Woodland Restoration Plant native oaks and native grasses to increase wildlife habitat and the beauty of the park. Receive credit for community service hours. Call for meeting place. Reservations required 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

SAT 10/21 9am

Headwaters Corner

Native Plant Restoration Restore habitat along Dry Canyon Creek with native plantings, non-native plant removal, and site restoration. Receive credit for

**Malibu Lagoon
State Beach**

**Adamson House
Docent Training
Program**

Learn how to share with the public Malibu's fascinating history and to conduct guided tours of the Adamson House. FEE.

Info and reservations:

**Malibu Lagoon
Museum Docents
310-456-8432**

Temescal Gateway Park

CHAUTAUQUA SERIES

**IF THESE WALLS COULD TALK:
THE STORY OF THE PACIFIC
PALISADES CHAUTAUQUA**

presented by Betty Lou Young,

author and editor of *Pacific Palisades:
Where the Mountains Meet the Sea.*

Tuesday, October 17, 2006 7:30pm

Discover the fascinating history of both Temescal Gateway Park and the Pacific Palisades. The program and parking are free. 1.5 hours MRCA

Info: 310-454-1395 x106 or www.LAMountains.com

community service hours. Reservations required 818-591-1701 x205. 3hrs MRT

SAT 10/21 9am

Topanga State Park

Hike Topanga State Park Explore the park with a ranger. Meet at the Trippet Ranch parking lot. 1.5hrs CSP

SAT 10/21 9:30am

Runyon Canyon Park

Geology Walk Geologist-led walk covering over 100 million years of history. Meet at north entrance to park (Mulholland Dr & Desmond Estates Rd). 2hrs FORC

SAT 10/21 9:30am

Paramount Ranch

From Set to Screen Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

SAT 10/21 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Plant Adventures Discuss the relationships between plants and animals on a slow-paced hike. Bring lunch to have with further discussion afterwards. 3hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 10/21 10am

Charmlee Wilderness Park

Nature Crafts Children and their parents can enjoy creating fun items to take home. Visit the nature center afterwards. Reservations required 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 10/21 12:30pm

Malibu Creek State Park

Fun with Nature Children, young and old, can enjoy exhibits, crafts, and games at the Visitor Center, located 0.75 mile from the parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SUN 10/22 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Beach and Wetlands Birdwatching Experts, beginners, adults, and teens are all welcome to join us. Bring binoculars. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 10/22 9am

Cold Creek Preserve

Cold Creek Habitat Restoration Day Help increase riparian habitat along Dry Creek and Cienga Sin Nombre. Receive community service credit. Reservations required 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

SUN 10/22 9:30am

Cold Creek Canyon Preserve

Autumn's Allure Enjoy the transformation of the seasons in an early fall hike in the preserve. Bring water and a snack. Meet at the preserve's lower gate. 2hrs CCD

SUN 10/22 9:30am

Topanga State Park

Autumn in the Park Explore the ways plants and animals prepare for winter on this stroll with a docent naturalist. 2hrs TCD

SUN 10/22 10am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents This is a special short walk for children and families – binoculars provided. Call ahead for groups over 5 kids. 1hr SMBAS

SUN 10/22 10am

Malibu Bluffs Park

Bluffs Ramble to the Sea Dip your toes into Santa Monica Bay, return to the Bluffs and look for dolphins and whales on this 2-mile walk. Meet in the parking lot. 2hrs CNPS

TUE 10/24 9:15am

Zuma/Trancas Canyons –Newton Canyon Trailhead

Moderate Hikers: Kanan Dume Rd to Trancas Cyn Pass Newton Canyon Falls before entering volcanic Zuma Canyon on a 9-mile (shorter 4-6 mile option) hike with 1900' gain. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 818-501-1225. 5hrs SC

TUE 10/24 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Fall Botanical Drawing Workshop Join this ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw or paint plants while learning about our native flora. Group size is limited. Reservations required 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 10/28 8am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Morning Birds of Franklin Canyon Enjoy the sights and sounds of busy birds gearing up for their day. Bring sturdy shoes and binoculars. No dogs. Meet in

the main parking lot. 2.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 10/28 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 10/28 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch. Reservations required 310-559-3126. 5hrs SC

SAT 10/28 8:30am

Topanga State Park

Eagle Rock–Garapito Canyon–Cathedral Rock Loop Great views and verdant canyons characterize this moderate-strenuous 9.9-mile hike. Bring snack, lunch and water. Meet in the Trippet Ranch parking lot near restrooms. 7hrs CW

SAT 10/28 9am

Franklin Canyon Ranch

Nature Rambles Observe and discuss plants, insects, and birds and their interactions on this walk. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 10/28 6pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park

Marshmallow Twilight Hike Young and old will have fun on this nature hike followed by marshmallow roasting and a visit to the nature center. Bring flashlight, marshmallows and skewers. Reservations required 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 1.5hrs CMPRD

SAT 10/28 6pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr –Amphitheater

Halloween Campfire Join us for a traditional, kid-friendly, fun and spooky Halloween campfire program. Bring blanket, flashlight and a picnic dinner. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 10/28 6:30pm

Headwaters Corner

Youth Naturalist Program: Astronomy Children age 8-12 will learn about the night sky with the aid of telescopes. Guest speakers will guide us through the stars, planets, nebulae and constellations. An astronomy craft is included. Pre-registration required 818-591-1701 x181. FEE. 3hrs MRT

SUN 10/29 9am

Peter Strauss Ranch

La Sierra Canyon Native Plant Restoration Remove weeds to create wildlife habitat. Meet in main parking lot. Bring lunch and water. Receive credit for community service. Reservations required 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

SUN 10/29 9:30am

Topanga State Park

Autumn in the Park Explore the ways plants and animals prepare for winter on this stroll with a docent naturalist. 2hrs TCD

MON 10/30 6:30pm

Temescal Gateway Park

Spooky Hike Come for a "treat" but stay to be amazed by the "tricks" of the mysterious animals of Halloween on this naturalist-led 1-mile hike. Wear a costume or regular clothes. Bring water, a jacket, and a flashlight. \$5 parking fee. Info: 310-454-1395 x106 or www.LAMountains.com. 2hrs MRCA

TUE 10/31 9am

Santa Monica Mountains

Conditioned Hikers Strenuous fast-paced 9-mile, 2000' gain hike starts at the Malibu Nature Preserve on the Chumash trail to Nicholas Flat, then through Leo Carrillo State Park and returns along the beach. Meet at Nature Trust parking lot (13.5 miles west of Malibu Canyon Rd along PCH; look for "Malibu Nature Preserve" sign on right). Info: 310-391-5004. Bring water and lunch. 4hrs SC

TUE 10/31 9:15am

Santa Monica Mountains

Moderate Hikers: Halloween Hike Join us on a new 6-mile beach walk. Meet at Nicholas Canyon County Park (13 miles west of Malibu Canyon Road along PCH). Bring water, lunch and wear your favorite costume. Rain cancels. Info: 310-454-4188. 3hrs SC

TUE 10/31 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Fall Botanical Drawing Workshop Join this ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw or paint plants while learning about our native flora. Group size is limited. Reservations required 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

Saturday, October 28 10:00am - 4:00pm

6th Annual Cider at Circle X

Come to a park site high in the Santa Monica Mountains. We'll have cider, cookies and candy at the Circle X Contact Station. National Park Service staff will be available to provide trail information for self-guided exploration. Contact station is 5.4 miles north on Yerba Buena Rd from Pacific Coast Highway.

NOVEMBER

Satwiwa Art Exhibit

November 4, 2006 thru January 14, 2007

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

View the contemporary art of **Bernie Granados, Jr.** Exhibit featuring paintings, prints, sculpture and masks of inspired visions and cave art throughout America. **Special Artist Talk on November 4, 2006** at 10am and 1pm. Info: **805-370-2301**

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



Romantic Full Moon Tours

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Thru November beginning at 8pm, tour the Adamson House under a full moon. Refreshments will be served. **\$10 FEE. 1 hour.**

For Dates & Reservations:
310-456-8432

SAT 11/4 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 11/4 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water and lunch. Reservations required 310-559-3126. 5hrs SC

SAT 11/4 9am

Topanga State Park

Hike Topanga State Park Explore the park with a ranger. Meet at the Trippet Ranch parking lot. 1.5hrs CSP

SAT 11/4 9am

Malibu Creek State Park

Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn backcountry preparedness, shared-use etiquette, and riding fundamentals. Bicycle and helmet required. Rain cancels. Info: www.corbamtmb.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 11/4 9:30am

Cold Creek Valley Preserve

First Saturday Savor an autumn walk-about through a streamside trail, through oak woodlands, to a gently rolling chaparral basin below craggy sandstone peaks. Meet at the Lower Stunt High Trailhead. 2hrs CCD

SAT 11/04 9:30am

Paramount Ranch

From Set to Screen Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

SAT 11/4 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

WODOC and the Movies See why Franklin Canyon has been a premier filming location for movies and TV shows such as *When a Stranger Calls*, *It Happened One Night*, and the beginning of *The Andy Griffith Show*. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 11/4 12:30pm

Malibu Creek State Park

Fun with Nature Children, young and old, can enjoy exhibits, crafts, and games at the Visitor Center, located 0.75 mile from the parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SAT 11/4 4pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park

Full Moon Hike Look for night creatures under the magic of moonlight. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a flashlight. Reservations required 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 11/4 5:30pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch

Silent Night Hike Enjoy a moderate to strenuous walk and expand your wilderness awareness skills on a wordless journey. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

Backbone Trail Festival

On each of the first three Sundays in November, the Sierra Club will lead several hikes on the Backbone Trail. Heavy rain or fire closure cancels. If in doubt, check with leaders at phone numbers indicated below. Bring water and lunch.

November 5

8:30am *Topanga State Park*

Upper Hondo Canyon to Dead Horse

Trailhead Moderate 7-mile, 400' gain 1400' loss hike. Meet at Dead Horse parking lot located 0.1 mile from Topanga Canyon Blvd on Entrada Rd for car shuttle. Info: 818-885-1920. 4hrs

8:30am *Point Mugu State Park*

Sycamore Canyon Loop Hike Strenuous 14-mile roundtrip, 2000' gain hike through Sycamore and lush Serrano Canyons to lunch at Danielson Ranch. Lots of stream crossings. Meet at Sycamore Canyon parking lot. Info: 714-997-0190. 7hrs

November 19

9am *Point Mugu State Park*

Ray Miller Trail Loop Moderate 8-mile, 1400' gain loop hike on the western end of the Backbone Trail into La Jolla Canyon. Meet at the Ray Miller Trailhead 1.6 miles west of Big Sycamore Canyon. Info: 818-773-4601. 4hrs

9:15am *Topanga State Park*

Dead Horse Trail to Eagle Rock Moderate 8-mile roundtrip hike with 1200' gain on Dead Horse and scenic Musch Trails. Meet at Dead Horse parking lot located 0.1 mile from Topanga Canyon Blvd on Entrada Rd. Info: 310-922-6848. 4hrs

November 12

8am *Will Rogers State Historic Park*

Will Rogers to Temescal Peak Strenuous 14-mile, 2800' gain hike from the eastern end of the Backbone Trail to Temescal Peak (which at 2,126' is the highest point in Topanga State Park). Return via Temescal Gateway Park and connector trail back to Will Rogers. Meet near restroom. Wear sturdy footwear, hat and sunscreen. Info: 310-391-5004. 7hrs

8:30am *Zuma Canyon at
Newton Canyon Trailhead*

Corral Canyon to Kanan Dume Road Easy 7-mile hike on scenic trail through oak woodlands and chaparral. Car shuttle. Info: 310-559-3126. 4hrs

SUN 11/5 8am

Topanga State Park

Bird Walk Buffs and beginners will enjoy discovering the ways of the birds. Bring water and a snack. 3hrs SC

SUN 11/5 9am

Peter Strauss Ranch

La Sierra Canyon Native Plant Restoration Remove weeds to allow native plants to create wildlife habitat. Meet in main parking lot to go to work site. Bring lunch and water. Receive credit for community service. Reservations required 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

SUN 11/5 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Aerobic Trek Enjoy the great outdoors as you get your heart pumping and legs moving. 1.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 11/5 9am

Franklin Canyon Ranch

Nature Rambles Observe and discuss plants, insects, and birds and their interactions on this walk. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 11/5 1pm

Topanga State Park

November Explorations Discover autumn's allure on this docent-led hike through Topanga's diverse habitats. 2hrs TCD

SUN 11/5 2pm

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Photo Fun in Franklin Canyon An experienced photographer will help you find unique views and photo opportunities in nature. Reservations required 310-858-7272 x131. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 11/5 3:15pm

Cold Creek Preserve

-Top of Stunt Road

A Moonrise & Sunset Walk Enjoy views of distant mountains, the sweep of Santa Monica Bay, and the unspoiled beauty of this preserve on a 2-mile walk. Bring supper, water and a 'goodie' to share. 3hrs MRT

SUN 11/5 5:30pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch

Full Moon Hike All ages can enjoy exploring the canyon by moonlight on a moderately strenuous hike with views of stars and the city. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

MON 11/6 6:30pm

Temescal Gateway Park

Full Moon Hike Experience the nocturnal world on a naturalist-led 1-mile moon-lit hike. Bring water and a jacket; flashlight is optional. Meet in the front parking lot. \$5 parking fee. Info: 310-454-1395 x106 or www.LAMountains.com. 2hrs MRCA

TUE 11/7 8:30am

Malibu Creek State Park

-Tapia Park

Conditioned Hikers: Tapia Park-Malibu Creek State Park-Paramount Ranch

Join us on a scenic and strenuous 11-mile, 1300' gain hike

to Paramount and Reagan Ranch movie sets. Bring lunch and water. Rain cancels. Info: 818-222-7817. 5hrs SC

TUE 11/7 9:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Moderate Hikers: Pacific Palisades Join us on a moderate 6-mile loop hike into Sullivan and Rustic Canyons including an unusual 513-step staircase climb. See Josepho's Barn and Huntington Hartford's Art Colony. Meet at corner of Bayliss & Queensferry Rds. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-391-5004. 3hrs SC

TUE 11/7 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Fall Botanical Drawing Workshop Join this ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw or paint plants while learning about our native flora. Group size is limited. Reservations required 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

THUR 11/9 8:30am

Backbone Trail

Hondo Canyon & Fossil Ridge Hike Enjoy the views

on this moderate 9-mile, 1800' gain/loss hike. Meet at trailhead on Old Topanga Canyon Road, 0.4 mile west of intersection with Topanga Canyon Blvd. Limited roadside parking. Bring water, lunch, lugsoles, hat and sunscreen. Rain cancels. Info: 818-981-4799. 5hrs SC

THUR 11/9 6:30pm

Temescal Gateway Park

Feast in the Coals Campfire Program Join us for a special evening of food, fire, and festivities. Baked apples and roasted corn will be provided. Bring items wrapped in foil to cook in the fire! \$5 parking fee. Info: 310-454-1395 x106 or www.LAMountains.com. 1.5hrs MRCA

SAT 11/11 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 11/11 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch. Reservations required 310-559-3126. 5hrs SC

SAT 11/11 9am

Franklin Canyon Ranch

Everyday is Earthday Learn simple ways to be Earth-friendly everyday by remembering the 3 R's of nature, (Recycle, Reduce, and Reuse), on a moderate hike. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 11/11 9am



RANGER'S FAVORITES

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Join a Ranger at a favorite park site.

Rangers or volunteers will choose a different site to explore and a topic to discuss each month.

For our surprise location and time, visit:

www.nps.gov/samo or call 805-370-2301

*Cold Creek Canyon/
Valley Preserve*

Second Saturday Join us on an easy 2-mile walk in the "Gem of the Santa Monicas." Reservations required 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

SAT 11/11 10am

Charmlee Wilderness Park

Nature Crafts Children and their parents can enjoy creating fun items to take home. Visit the nature center afterwards. Reservations required 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SAT 11/11 4pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Evening Birds of Franklin Canyon Learn about the lives of birds on a casual sunset stroll around a lake. Bring binoculars. Beginning birders welcome. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 11/12 9am

*Malibu Creek State Park
-Tapia Unit*

Weed Wars Attack English ivy that is strangling trees and suffocating native plants. Bring lunch, water and gloves. Receive credit for community service hours. Reservations required 818-348-5910. 4hrs CNPS

SUN 11/12 9:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Rustic Canyon Hike See historical ruins and artifacts on this easy 4.5-mile hike along a creek. From Sunset Blvd in Brentwood, follow Capri Drive north through circle to corner of Capri and Amalfi. Park on street. Carry water and a snack. Heavy rain cancels. 3hrs CW

SUN 11/12 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Hike with Mike Explore plants and animals on this easy walk around a lake and wild duck pond. Optional fun frisbee toss at end of hike. All ages welcome. 2hrs WODOC/ MRCA

SUN 11/12 10am

Rocky Oaks

Nature Walk See rock formations, a seasonal pond, and meadows flanked by oak woodlands on an easy-paced walk for all ages. 2hrs TCD

SUN 11/12 1pm

Topanga State Park

November Explorations Discover autumn's allure on this docent-led hike through Topanga's diverse habitats. 2hrs TCD

TUE 11/14 9:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Moderate Hikers: Bienveneda to Skull Rock or Will Rogers Join us on an 8-mile hike to Will Rogers State Park or a 4-mile hike to Skull Rock. Meet at end of Bienveneda Avenue (0.6 mile west of Temescal Canyon Road on Sunset Blvd). Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-398-6350. 3hrs SC

TUE 11/14 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Fall Botanical Drawing Workshop Join this ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw or paint plants while learning about our native flora. Group size is limited. Reservations required 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 11/14 7pm

Headwaters Corner

San Fernando Valley Gourd Patch Meeting Explore forms of gourd decoration including gilding, beading and wood burning. Info: 818-996-3606 or gourds@mac.com. 2hrs SFVGP

WED 11/15 9am

Peter Strauss Ranch

Plein Air Landscape Painting New and beginning artists are welcome to join fellow painters at outdoor paintouts. Bring your materials or sketchbook or camera and join in. For more info call Ed at 805-492-0464. 3hrs TOPAW

THUR 11/16 8:30am

Cold Creek Preserve

Chaparral Chatter Explore riparian, grassland, and redshank communities on this moderate hike. Hiking boots, hat, water, snack and sunscreen suggested. Meet at Lower Stunt High Trailhead. 4hrs MRT/CNPS

FRI 11/17 6:30pm

Free Cultural Workshop

Sunday, November 12

10am and 1pm

Satwiwa Native American Indian Culture Center

Come explore and celebrate varied Native American perspectives. Make your own drum using modern materials with **Gary Corkill**. 2 hours. Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Temescal Gateway Park

Trail to the Stars Join a naturalist for a deeper look into astronomy on this moderate hike. A telescope will be available. Bring water, jacket and flashlight. \$5 parking fee.

Info: 310-454-1395 x106 or www.LAMountains.com. 2hrs MRCA

SAT 11/18 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 11/18 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water, lunch. Reservations required 310-559-3126. 5hrs SC

SAT 11/18 9am

Topanga State Park

Hike Topanga State Park Explore the park with a ranger. Meet at the Trippet Ranch parking lot. 1.5hrs CSP

SAT 11/18 9am

Cold Creek Preserve

Cold Creek Restoration Day Increase the riparian canopy along Dry Creek and Cienega Sin Nombre by planting oaks and shrubs. Receive community service credit. Reservations required 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

SAT 11/18 9am

Headwaters Corner

Native Plant Restoration Restore habitat along Dry Canyon Creek. Receive credit for community service hours. Reservations required 818-591-1701 x205. 3hrs MRT

SAT 11/18 9:30am

Headwaters Corner

Youth Naturalist Program: Birds Learn what makes a bird a bird. Examine bird pellets, bones and feathers. Observe live birds brought by a guest speaker. . For age 8-12. Pre-registration required 818-591-1701 x181. FEE. 3hrs MRT

SAT 11/18 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Plant Adventures Discuss the relationships between plants and animals on a slow-paced hike. Bring lunch to have with further discussion afterwards. 3hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 11/18 12:30pm

Malibu Creek State Park

Fun with Nature Children, young and old, can enjoy exhibits, crafts, and games at the Visitor Center, located 0.75 mile from the parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SAT 11/18 4:30pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park

Marshmallow Twilight Hike Young and old will have fun on this evening nature hike followed by marshmallow roasting and a visit to the nature center. Bring a flashlight, marshmallows and skewers. Reservations required 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 1.5hrs CMPRD

SAT 11/18 5:30pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr -Amphitheater

Franklin Family Campfire Enjoy old-fashioned family fun with stories, singing and roasting marshmallows around the campfire. Bring blanket, flashlight and a picnic dinner. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 11/19 8am

Malibu Creek State Park

Bird Walk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars and hiking boots. Beginners welcome. Meet in lower parking lot. 3.5hrs SFVAS

SUN 11/19 9am

Malibu Creek State Park

Oak Woodland Restoration Plant native oaks and native grasses to increase the woodlands and grasslands for wildlife habitat and the beauty of the park. Receive credit for community service hours. Call for meeting place. Reservations required 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

SUN 11/19 9:30am

Cold Creek Canyon Preserve

Autumn Canyon Walk See the subtle transitions in nature as autumn comes to this preserve with rocky grottoes nestled amidst oak woodlands. Meet at the Preserve's lower gate. 2.5hrs CCD



National Park Service

LECTURE SERIES

**Exploring
California
National Wildlife
Refuges**

**November 18
Saturday, 2pm**

National Park Service
Visitor Center

California's unknown public lands—National Wildlife Refuges—are places for you to explore.

Learn what you can see and do at these less visited sites and get an update on the condor recovery program from USFWS Wildlife Biologist,

Richard Posey.

1.5 hours

Info: 805-370-2301

SUN 11/19 9:30am

Malibu Creek State Park

Welcome to Malibu Creek Discover cultural history and natural beauty on this docent-led walk. Meet in the lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SUN 11/19 1pm

Topanga State Park

November Explorations Discover autumn's allure on this docent-led hike through Topanga's diverse habitats. 2hrs TCD

TUE 11/21 9:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Moderate Hikers: Kenter Canyon Exploratory Hike This is a new 6-mile, 700' gain hike with interesting vistas. Meet at Crestwood Hills Park parking lot, 1000 Hanley Avenue, Brentwood. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-476-5130. 3hrs SC

TUE 11/21 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Fall Botanical Drawing Workshop Join this ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw or paint plants while learning about our native flora. Group size is limited. Reservations required 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 11/25 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 11/25 9am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Nature Rambles Observe and discuss plants, insects, and birds and their interactions on this walk. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 11/25 11am

Franklin Canyon Ranch

Franklin's Faults Get up close to earthquake faults that have helped to create Franklin Canyon, and learn about earthquake and emergency preparedness. Rain cancels. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 11/26 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Beach and Wetlands Birdwatching Experts, beginners, adults, and teens - all are welcome. Bring binoculars. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 11/26 10am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa - Culture Center

Free Cultural Workshop Experience the serene flute melodies of Bill "Elk Whistle" Neal. Info: 805-370-2301. 2hrs NPS

SUN 11/26 10am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents This is a special short walk for children and families - binoculars provided. Call ahead for groups over 5 kids. 1hr SMBAS

SUN 11/26 10am

Malibu Bluffs Park

Bluffs Ramble to the Sea Dip your toes into Santa Monica Bay, return to the Bluffs and look for dolphins and whales on this 2-mile walk. Meet in the parking lot. 2hrs CNPS

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TUE 11/28 9:30am

Backbone Trail

Moderate Hikers: Hondo Canyon & Fossil Ridge Hike Enjoy the views on this 8-mile (4-6 mile option) hike. Meet at trailhead on Old Topanga Canyon Rd, 0.4 mile west of intersection with Topanga Canyon Blvd. Limited roadside parking. Bring water and lunch. Rain can-

Temescal Gateway Park

CHAUTAUQUA SERIES

**WOMEN & CHILDREN IN NATURE:
CREATIVE EXPRESSION IN MUSIC,
WORDS, AND ART**

presented by actress Jeanie Van Dam,

Tuesday, November 21, 2006 7:30pm

Explore through music, words, and art, the human connection to nature from the perspective of women and children. 1.5 hours MRCA

Info: 310-454-1395 x106 or www.LAMountains.com

From California to KOREA

Saturday, November 25, 9:30am

Discover the former homes of Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman and M*A*S*H* 4077 on this moderate 6-mile hike through the geography of the imagination. Experience the drama of the Santa Monica Mountains landscape and learn the importance of preservation. Bring water and snack. Meet at Paramount Ranch by the bulletin board. *Rain cancels.* 4hrs NPS

cels. Info: 310-822-6848. 4hrs SC

TUE 11/28 11am

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DECEMBER

SAT 12/2 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 12/2 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

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SAT 12/2 9am

Malibu Creek State Park

Introduction to Mountain Bike Skills Learn backcountry preparedness, shared-use etiquette, and riding fundamentals. Bicycle and helmet required. Rain cancels. Info: www.corbamtb.com or 805-558-1606. 4hrs CORBA

SAT 12/2 9am

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RANGER'S FAVORITES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Join a Ranger at a favorite park site.

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For our surprise location and time, visit:

www.nps.gov/samo or call 805-370-2301

Artist Show and Sale Sunday, December 3

10am to 3pm

*Satwiwa Native American Indian
Culture Center*

Meet Native American artists while they demonstrate their talents. Handmade arts and crafts will be available for purchase and entertainment featured. Info: 805-370-2301

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



Every Friday
in December

Garden Tours at the Historic Adamson House

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Tuesdays at 10am

For groups of 10 or more.
Reservation required:
310-456-8432

Fridays at 10am

For individuals and small
groups (no reservations
are required).

Meet docent(s) next to
the Gate House at 10am
for a one-hour tour.

Christmas Holiday
Evening Tours
at the Adamson
House

*Malibu Lagoon
State Beach*

Special Friday evening
tours will be given at the
festively decorated
Adamson House.

*Call for times
and reservations:
310-456-8432*

Fee, 1.5 hours MLMD

SUN 12/3 1pm

Topanga State Park

December in the Park Observe toys clad in bright red berries and other bounties of nature on this docent-led walk. 2hrs TCD

SUN 12/3 2pm

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-Top of Stunt Road

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MON 12/4 5pm

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TUE 12/5 9:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Moderate Hikers: La Jolla Valley-Mugu Peak Loop Enjoy views of mountains and sea on this 8-mile hike. Meet at Ray Miller Trailhead. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-454-4188. 4hrs SC

TUE 12/5 11am

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SAT 12/9 9am

Headwaters Corner

Native Plant Restoration Restore habitat along Dry Canyon Creek. Receive credit for community service hours. Reservations required 818-591-1701 x205. 3hrs MRT

SAT 12/9 9am

Cold Creek Preserve

Second Saturday Winter rains arouse the dormant floral world. Milkmaids and currants bloom. Ferns unfurl and rain beetles emerge from the ground to fly in the rain. Reservations required 818-591-1701 x203. 4hrs MRT

National Park Service

LECTURE SERIES

**Photographic
Landscape as Art**

**December 8
Friday, 7pm**

National Park Service
Visitor Center

Tom Gamache,
photographer of the
forthcoming book, *Range
on the Edge/The Santa
Monica Mountains* guides
us in understanding the
creative elements of out-
door photography to
advance one's personal
artistic vision. 1.5 hours

Info: 805-370-2301

Presented in conjunction with
UC Stunt Ranch Santa Monica
Mountains Reserve

Free Cultural Workshop

Sunday, December 9, 10am

*Satwiwa Native American Indian
Culture Center*

Beginners' in-depth beading workshop
with artist **Peggy Fontenot** for ages
16 and up. 6 hours. Class size is limited
to 12. Reservations and \$30.00 fee
required: please call 805-375-1930.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

SAT 12/9 9:30am

Point Mugu State Park

Western Coastal Slope Trail Hike Explore the proposed route of the Coastal Trail through the Santa Monica Mountains on this 6.5-mile loop. Enjoy views of picturesque canyons and varied terrain. Rain cancels. Meet at the Ray Miller Trailhead. Bring lunch and water. 4.5hrs CW

SAT 12/9 9:30am

Malibu Creek State Park

Welcome to Malibu Creek Discover cultural history and natural beauty on this docent-led walk. Meet in the lower parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SAT 12/9 9:30am

Headwaters Corner

Youth Naturalist Program: Geology A guest speaker will show and demonstrate geological items such as a large homemade volcano. Discover changing geological features on a walk followed by a craft. For age 8-12. Pre-Registration is required 818-591-1701 x181. FEE. 3hrs MRT

SAT 12/9 3pm

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Evening Birds of Franklin Canyon Learn about the lives of birds on a casual sunset stroll around a lake. Bring binoculars. Beginning birders welcome. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 12/9 4pm

Charmlee Wilderness Park

Marshmallow Twilight Hike Young and old will have fun on this nature hike followed by marshmallow roasting and a visit to the nature center. Bring flashlight, marshmallows and skewers. Reservations required 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 1.5hrs CMPRD

SUN 12/10 9am

Malibu Creek State Park

Weed Wars Plant more oak trees in the California Native Plant Society Commemorative Oak Grove that commemorates the lives of some awesome CNPS members. Bring lunch, water and gloves. Receive credit for community service hours. Call for location. Reservations required 818-348-5910. 4hrs CNPS

SUN 12/10 10am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa - Culture Center

Free Cultural Workshop Create a dream catcher or draw with Michael Williams. Reservations required 805-375-1930. 2hrs NPS

SUN 12/10 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Hike with Mike Explore plants and animals on this easy walk around a lake and wild duck pond. Optional fun frisbee toss at the end hike. All ages welcome. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 12/10 10am

Rocky Oaks

Nature Walk See rock formations, a seasonal pond, and meadows flanked by oak woodlands on this easy-paced walk for all ages. 2hrs TCD

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TUE 12/12 8:30am

Rancho Sierra Vista/Satwiwa - Wendy Trailhead

Conditioned Hikers: Hidden Lake and Boney Mountain Join us for this new, very strenuous 12-mile loop hike. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 818-246-6257. 5hrs SC

TUE 12/12 9:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Moderate Hikers: Parker Mesa Overlook Panoramic vistas of the Pacific are viewed on this 7-mile, 1700' gain hike. Meet at end of Los Liones Drive (1/4-mile from PCH off Sunset Blvd). Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-398-6350. 4hrs SC

FILM & the
**American
Landscape**

**December 9
Saturday, 9:30am
Paramount Ranch**

**Around the World
in 180 Minutes**

Travel the backlot trails of Paramount Ranch with a National Park Service ranger on an easy to moderate, 3-hour hike. The versatile chaparral hillsides and oak savannahs at this site have played many starring roles including China, a South Seas island, and World War I Germany. See how this diverse landscape has impacted cultural history within and beyond the United States. 3 hours

TUE 12/12 11am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Fall Botanical Drawing Workshop Join this ongoing gathering of artists of all levels. Draw or paint plants while learning about our native flora. Group size is limited. Reservations required 323-656-3899. 4hrs WODOC/MRCA

TUE 12/12 7pm

Headwaters Corner

San Fernando Valley Gourd Patch Meeting Explore forms of gourd decoration including gilding, beading and wood burning. For more information: gourds@mac.com or 818-996-3606. 2hrs SFVGP

THUR 12/14 8:30am

Cold Creek Preserve

Chaparral Chatter Explore riparian, grassland, and redshank communities on this moderate hike. Hiking boots, hat, water, snack and sunscreen suggested. Meet at Lower Stunt High Trailhead. 4hrs MRT/CNPS

THU 12/14 6:30pm

Temescal Gateway Park

Campfire Program Enjoy

a fireside program led by a naturalist and celebrate the campfire tradition with stories, songs, and marshmallows. Bring a blanket and a jacket. \$5 parking fee. Information: 310-454-1395 x106 or www.LAMountains.com. 1.5hrs MRCA

SAT 12/16 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help maintain trails. No experience necessary. For more info or to receive a current schedule 818-222-4531. 6hrs SMMTC

SAT 12/16 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water and lunch. Reservations required 310-559-3126. 5hrs SC

KIDS AND NATURE

The UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve contributes to the **Los Angeles Times Kids' Reading Room Page** by writing about plants and animals found in the Santa Monica Mountains.

See archived stories at:

<http://nrs.ucop.edu/reserves/stunt/newsforkids.html>

SAT 12/16 9am

Topanga State Park

Hike Topanga State Park Explore the park with a ranger. Meet at the Trippet Ranch parking lot. 1.5hrs CSP

SAT 12/16 9am

Malibu Creek State Park

Oak Woodland Restoration Plant native oaks and native grasses to increase the woodlands and grasslands for wildlife habitat and the beauty of the park. Receive credit for community service hours. Call for meeting place. Reservations required 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

SAT 12/16 9:30am

Paramount Ranch

From Set to Screen Illusions and hard work turn a dusty set into a realistic town. Join us on this easy-paced walk to discover movie magic and the history of Paramount Ranch. 1hr NPS

SAT 12/16 10am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Plant Adventures Discuss the relationships between plants and animals on a slow paced hike. Bring lunch to have with further discussion afterwards. 3hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 12/16 12:30pm

Malibu Creek State Park

Fun with Nature Children, young and old, can enjoy exhibits, crafts, and games at the Visitor Center, located 0.75 mile from the parking lot. 2hrs MCD

SAT 12/16 3:30pm

Franklin Canyon Ranch

Winter Solstice Hike Celebrate Winter with a moderate hike in Franklin Canyon. Discuss the seasonal changes and identify planets and constellations. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

SUN 12/17 8am

Malibu Creek State Park

Bird Walk Enjoy watching birds in unspoiled habitats. Bring binoculars and hiking boots. Beginners welcome. Meet in lower parking lot. 3.5hrs SFVAS

SUN 12/17 9am

Cold Creek Preserve

Cold Creek Restoration Day Increase the riparian canopy along Dry Creek and Cienega Sin Nombre by planting oaks and shrubs. Receive community service credit. Reservations required 818-591-1701 x203. 3hrs MRT

SUN 12/17 10am

Cold Creek Canyon Preserve

Easing into Winter Savor the subtle landscape changes as winter moves into chaparral canyon woodlands in the pristine preserve. Meet at the Preserve's lower gate. 2.5hrs CCD

SUN 12/17 1pm

Topanga State Park

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TUE 12/19 9am

Zuma/Trancas Canyons- Newton Canyon Trailhead

Moderate Hikers: Backbone Trail Join us for a 6-8 mile, 1000-1500' gain, car shuttle, one way hike from Mulholland Hwy to Kanan-Dume Rd. Shorter options are available. Info: 310-822-6848. 4hrs SC

TUE 12/19 11am

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SAT 12/23 8am

Sooky Goldman Nature Ctr

Morning Birds of Franklin Canyon Enjoy the sights and sounds of busy birds gearing up for their day. Bring sturdy shoes and binoculars. No dogs. Meet in the main parking lot. 2.5hrs WODOC/MRCA

SAT 12/23 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

Trail Work Help build and maintain trails. Tools and instructions provided. Bring gloves, water and lunch. Reservations required 310-559-3126. 5hrs SC

SAT 12/23 10am

Charmlee Wilderness Park

Morning Nature Hike Look for signs of the season on this moderately paced 2.5-mile hike to an ocean overlook. Reservations required 310-317-1364. \$3 parking fee. 2hrs CMPRD

SUN 12/24 8:30am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Beach and Wetlands Birdwatching Experts, beginners, adults, and teens – all are welcome. Bring binoculars. 2-3hrs SMBAS

SUN 12/24 10am

Malibu Lagoon State Beach

Birdwatching for Young Children and Parents This is a special short walk for children and families – binoculars provided. Call ahead for groups over 5 kids. 1hr SMBAS

SUN 12/24 1pm

Topanga State Park

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TUE 12/26 9:30am

Solstice Canyon

Moderate Hikers Celebrate winter solstice on this 7-mile (shorter 4-6 mile option) loop hike to Roberts Ranch, Deer Valley, and onto high ground with ocean views. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Info: 310-391-5004. 4hrs SC

TUE 12/26 11am

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SAT 12/30 8:30am

Santa Monica Mountains

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SAT 12/30 11am

Franklin Canyon Ranch

Franklin's Faults Get up close to earthquake faults that have helped to create Franklin Canyon, and learn about earthquake and emergency preparedness. Rain cancels. 2hrs WODOC/MRCA

Temescal Gateway Park

CHAUTAUQUA SERIES

ANIMAL TRACKS: KEYS TO A DIALOGUE WITH NATURE

presented by Jim Lowery,

author of *The Tracker's Field Guide* and founder of *Earth Skills*

Tuesday, December 19, 2006 7:30pm

Explore what it means to be an "urban tracker" who dwells at the razor's edge between intense focus and complete openness. The program and parking are free. 1.5 hours MRCA

Info: 310-454-1395 x106 or www.LAMountains.com

SUN 12/31 10am

Malibu Bluffs Park

Bluffs Ramble to the Sea Dip your toes into Santa Monica Bay, return to the Bluffs and look for dolphins and whales on this 2-mile walk. Meet in the parking lot. 2hrs CNPS

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